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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Response to Office Action mailed July 14, 2004
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO Form 1449
- ☒ Cited reference

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RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks. No amendments are being made to the claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-6.

Claims 17-19, 21-24 and 26-28 were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining pending claims, 7, 14-16, 20 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Uehara JP 04/138241.

Of the rejected claims, claims 7 and 14 are independent. The remaining claims (15-16, 20 and 25) depend from these independent claims.

Each of independent method claims 7 and 14 recites: ...a portion of a [the] blow molded container is formed about a handle [a retaining member on the handle] during blow molding.